



Iowa Ag News – Milk Production

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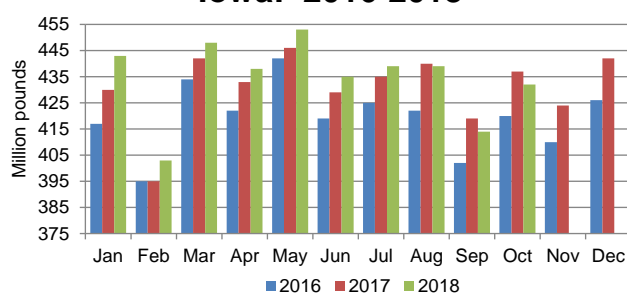
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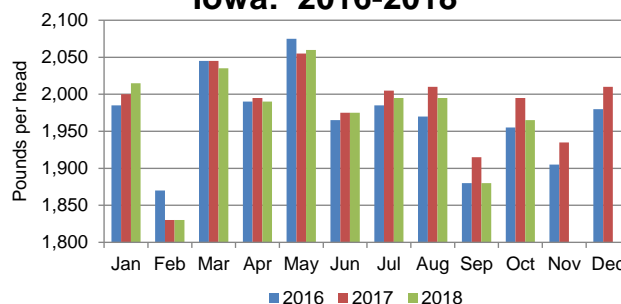
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Milk production in Iowa during October 2018 totaled 432 million pounds, down 1 percent from the previous October according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during October, at 220,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 1,000 more than last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,965 pounds, down 30 pounds from last October.

**Milk Production
Iowa: 2016-2018**



**Milk Production per Cow
Iowa: 2016-2018**



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: October 2017 and 2018

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	Change from 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	205	204	1,910	1,905	392	389	-0.8
California	1,743	1,733	1,870	1,940	3,259	3,362	3.2
Colorado	163	179	2,175	2,185	355	391	10.1
Florida	124	118	1,460	1,450	181	171	-5.5
Idaho	600	607	2,045	2,065	1,227	1,253	2.1
Illinois	93	90	1,680	1,660	156	149	-4.5
Indiana	187	182	1,910	1,870	357	340	-4.8
Iowa	219	220	1,995	1,965	437	432	-1.1
Kansas	152	161	1,935	1,940	294	312	6.1
Michigan	428	422	2,185	2,195	935	926	-1.0
Minnesota	457	451	1,790	1,805	818	814	-0.5
New Mexico	329	327	2,000	2,015	658	659	0.2
New York	624	621	1,980	2,010	1,236	1,248	1.0
Ohio	264	254	1,745	1,740	461	442	-4.1
Oregon	123	122	1,700	1,715	209	209	0.0
Pennsylvania	525	516	1,700	1,665	893	859	-3.8
South Dakota	117	121	1,870	1,885	219	228	4.1
Texas	515	539	1,890	1,940	973	1,046	7.5
Utah	97	100	1,930	1,935	187	194	3.7
Vermont	128	126	1,765	1,760	226	222	-1.8
Virginia	87	80	1,630	1,590	142	127	-10.6
Washington	274	277	1,995	2,025	547	561	2.6
Wisconsin	1,277	1,273	1,995	1,995	2,548	2,540	-0.3
23-State Total	8,731	8,723	1,914	1,934	16,710	16,874	1.0

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 16.9 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from October 2017. September revised production, at 16.4 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent from September 2017. The September revision represented a decrease of 2 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,934 pounds for October, 20 pounds above October 2017. This is the highest production per cow for the month of October since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.72 million head, 8,000 head less than October 2017, and 1,000 head less than September 2018.

Milk production in the United States during October totaled 17.9 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from October 2017.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,912 pounds for October, 21 pounds above October 2017.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.37 million head, 30,000 head less than October 2017, and 2,000 head less than September 2018.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

